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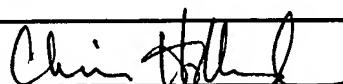
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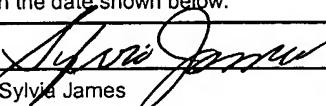
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Dear Sir:

Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested in response to the Final Action of January 18, 2005 for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better condition for appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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